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WEST BANK ELECTIONS

THE elections to the first nine localities on the West Bank have taken place smoothly and with a high voter participation — 84 per cent, or ten per cent more than in the last elections held there under Jordan rule, in 1963, and higher also than in the last elections to the Knesset. It should be taken into consideration, of course, that the franchise to the local councils is very limited under Jordan law, as only male tax-payers over 21 are eligible. In Nablus it seems certain that the present administration will be re-elected, and elsewhere, too, no revolutionary changes are expected, although many new and younger candidates presented themselves for election.

If the elections have proved anything, it is that the present tentative system of step-by-step co-existence, with a minimum of interference in normal life by the military government, is buying time during which more permanent solutions can be weighed, if not always successfully, discussed out loud. There was hesitation in Israel and sharp objection in Jordan, among the Palestinians outside the West Bank, and to a lesser extent on the West Bank itself, when it was first suggested by Defence Minister Dayan that it was time for local administration in the West Bank to be re-affirmed by the people who had elected them; much as there was hesitation and objection to the opening of the bridges over the Jordan in 1967 and the re-establishment of traffic across them. Each step represented a calculated risk, and each proved to have been well worth taking for the contribution it made to the normalization of life.

There have been terrorist threats in Nablus, but it may be doubted whether these were the main factor even in prompting the former mayor, Mr. Hamdi K'nani, into withdrawing his candidacy, or whether a larger part was not played by the fact that he did not succeed in setting up a full slate of supporting candidates for himself.

But indeed the elections represent only one more step on the way to some future peace agreement. Ask any official or even non-official spokesman of the Palestinians, and he will repeat the formula that there can be no settlement other than the U.N. resolution "under certain conditions." Just what these "conditions" would be it has proved impossible to discover. Certainly not a simple return to Jordan rule, even on the unlikely supposition that Israel would agree to the return of Jordanian, and possibly Iraqi or Syrian, troops on the outskirts of Jerusalem, and terrorists anywhere they chose to infiltrate. The "conditions" might involve some form of far-reaching independence of King Hussein's rule, such as is foreshadowed in the King's plan for a federation. Even this would still leave any mayor of Nablus under the necessity to deal with the murder threats of infiltrators from "Fatahland" and the likelihood of renewed fighting and incitement. The only thing that is certain is that the West Bank, like Israel, prefers peace to fighting.

ISRAEL BEATS INDIA 1:0

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A goal by Mordchaiah Spiegler in the 50th minute of play gave Israel a 1:0 win over India yesterday in the Olympic soccer qualifying tournament in Burma. It was Israel's second victory in the tournament. Despite the win, Israel's performance yesterday was disappointing. Mordchaiah Spiegler and Yehuda Visker were the only scorers. Spiegler put the ball into the Indian net, Spiegler in the 50th minute and Visker in the 42nd. The other end, Yehuda Visker, scored 3 fine saves in the 40th, 41st and 44th minutes. Best for Israel were Rosendoren, Avnager and Visker. Spiegler and Visker were off form and Barur, who replaced Kaideron in the second half, missed a wonderful opportunity to score in the 83rd minute from 3 metres out.

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Israel prepares for Uganda evacuation

By RONNIE HOPE Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Despite a Uganda Radio report that President Idi Amin had ordered the immediate repatriation of all Israelis in Uganda, his decision had not been conveyed to the Israel Embassy in Kampala by last night, it was learned in Jerusalem. However, preparations have been made for the eventuality that the entire Israeli community will have to leave.

Constant contact was maintained throughout the day between Jerusalem and Ambassador Daniel Laor in Kampala, after the broadcast, which announced the repatriation decision and said that the Uganda Army had been put on full alert. (MORE ISRAELIS BACK — p. 12)

Jerusalem is to continue its policy of restraint and refrain from drastic steps, according to authoritative sources.

There is some concern in Jerusalem over the effect the crisis in relations with Uganda may have on ties with other African countries, who may be influenced by charges of domination and subversion. Israeli diplomats in Africa have informed African governments that all projects in Uganda, as in other countries, were launched at the request of the government there.

The latest estimate of the total amount owed by Uganda to Israel is \$16m. There is also a large sum invested in heavy machinery, which would take time to remove or sell. Although a large part of the investment is private, if it is written off much of the cost will be borne by the taxpayer, because the Treasury insures all operations by Israeli contractors abroad.

AP reports from Kampala that Amin's order followed the sighting of two Europeans near the sugar-growing centre of Lugard wearing Uganda Army uniforms and carrying automatic weapons. It said the men were sighted at midday Monday. They disappeared as soon as they realised they had been spotted and an intensive search was being conducted for them.

In a speech at Tororo in Eastern Uganda, Amin last night said he learned two Israelis checked out of a Kampala hotel two days ago, leaving behind Ugandan diplomats in Africa, have informed

King Hussein arrived in Washington Monday afternoon at the controls of his airplane. He landed the plane at nearby Andrews Air Force Base.

During his talks with President Nixon 50 Arab and U.S. supporters of Palestinian refugees, carrying such signs as "the butcher of Saigon," staged a protest demonstration when King Hussein met President Nixon.

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By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter

TULKARM. — The long line waiting in front of the polling place here gave way as a broad-shouldered young man made his way through, cradling an old man in his arms like an infant. A local electrician social inside directed him to one of the three rooms in which ballots were being cast. The young man set his charge on the floor there while he consulted with officials at the table.

The pale old man, wearing a white headress, sat on the floor nodding and muttering to himself. He was picked up again and seated on the end of the officials' table, while an official marked his ballot and deposited it. Outside, the young man explained that the old man was 72 and too ill to stand. They were not father and son but from the same village just outside Tulkarm. Asked why he had insisted on voting, the old man said he wanted to pick the mayor of Tulkarm.

The incident symbolized the earnestness with which eligible voters in Samaria, including the halt and the blind, flocked to the polls yesterday in hazy weather. In smaller towns, the voting was quiet and orderly, without the vigorous last-minute electioneering that marked Jericho or the bustle and back-slapping political conviviality evident at the Nablus polls. In Tulkarm, more than 50 voters waited patiently in line at noon in the courtyard of the Al Fadia boys' secondary school where the voting was being held. The courtyard was heavy with the smell of jasmine and it was quiet enough to hear birds twittering in the trees. Flocks of curious children watched from the street. An official said that 1,000 of the 2,516 eligible voters had already cast their ballots by noon. The mayor of Tulkarm, Hilmil Hannoun, looking confident, shook hands leisurely with bystanders.

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PESSAH 5732 BEGINS TONIGHT

Jerusalem Post Staff

Pessah 5732 begins tonight with Israel and World Jewry thankful for the beginning of the latter-day Exodus — the stream of emigrants from the Soviet Union. Thousands of new arrivals from Russia will be celebrating their first Festival of Freedom in Israel — many of the most recent arrivals at army camps or as guests of kibbutzim.

In synagogues tonight, after the *morarit* service, the Ark will be opened and a special prayer composed by the Chief Rabbi will be said. The prayer stresses the Jews' continuing concern over the fate of the thousands of Jews still trapped in Arab lands and the millions still in the Soviet Union.

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This bemused Nablus voter (centre) is solicited by four eager last-minute campaigners as he enters the polling station. A long queue of voters stretches down the street. (Other pictures p. 15) (Photograph)

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84% turn out in W. Bank poll

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A record 84 per cent of the eligible voters turned out in the West Bank's northern region of Samaria and in Jericho yesterday to elect ten new municipal councils in the first vote held in the territories under Israel administration.

The 12-hour polling took place in what appeared to be a festive atmosphere. Israel security forces kept away from polling stations, letting Arab policemen control the voting crowds.

When the polls closed at 8 p.m., 13,725 voters had cast their ballots, a considerable increase in most towns over participation in the last elections held in 1963 under Jordanian rule.

Voters were still being counted late last night and the results were due to be announced at 8 o'clock this morning.

The impact of the large turnout cannot be ignored despite the fact that the elections involved only 17,000 eligible voters in an area of some 400,000 inhabitants. The eligible voters remain those who pay property tax in their capacity as landholders.

Candidates were still campaigning actively at the polling stations yesterday while outside they had set up blaring loudspeakers. Most concentrated on promises to develop the city. One Jericho candidate concentrated on the movements of his rivals. "That yellow smile of yours won't do you any good, you son..." he said overloading the crowded courtyard of the city secondary school which housed the polling stations.

The race in Jericho appeared to have been bitter and candidates were summoned several times by the head of the local electioneering committee to stress the need for an orderly vote. "Each of us has one representative at the poll, Mayor Tchar Abu has twenty," a group of candidates were heard complaining.

The vote operation was much quieter in the rest of the nine involved towns — except Tulkarm, where the supporters of Mayor Hilmil Hannoun were trying to reinstate the incumbent council.

In the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, the vote was conducted in an orderly manner at the only polling station, in Al-Jahesh high school. According to preliminary reports from Nablus shortly before midnight, the incumbent mayor, Hajj Ma'azouz al-Masri was leading by a wide margin.

Supporters of the 15 candidates running against al-Masri were campaigning hard for votes. They met voters at the entrances to the polling booth, slipped ballots in their pockets and often said, "Khalilik Ma'ana" (Be with us).

The security forces were probably more in evidence in Nablus than in other West Bank towns, but also here they maintained a low profile.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that it was "very important" that the terrorists had failed to sabotage the elections on the West Bank. Speaking in a television interview after the voting, he said the very fact that the elections had been held and were secret was also significant.

The candidates had registered of their own free will, and it was only after they showed signs of giving in to pressure from terrorists and Jordan that the Israeli administration had "made concrete" its opposition to this pressure.

Several foreign newsmen, who had come prepared to report on tight security measures and a small turnout, had to tear up their early stories as the voters came pouring in.

"Arab guerrillas have threatened to strike against West Bank citizens participating in this Israeli-sponsored election, but as polls opened voters turned out in queues, ignoring the terrorist threats," one newsmen wrote from Jericho, where a near-carnival atmosphere prevailed outside the city's polling station.

It took the newsmen a couple of hours to realize that the turnout of voters was growing heavy as the day progressed. About 25 per cent had cast their ballot by midmorning, 50 by noon, and almost 70 by 3 p.m.

THIS WAS MESSAGE

"This was the message from the West Bank Arabs to the guerrilla organizations who claim to speak for the Palestinians here," dispatched one reporter of a major American TV network, while another said it was the word for Jordan's King Hussein as he stepped into the White House for talks with President Nixon on his plan for a federation linking Jordan with the West Bank.

Such were the impressions of observers. A Jericho voter, Jamil Khalaf, 45, however, said as he stood in queue that he saw no link between yesterday's elections and the Hussein plan. "This is a pure municipal vote for which we have asked to reorganize our city administrations, since under the law municipal elections have to be held every four years. The Israeli authorities only responded to our demands."

When asked whether he was concerned about terrorist threats to strike against participants, Mr. Khalaf said that "nobody is afraid. This is our country and we know what is good for us. They do not. They are outside, know nothing."

As Mr. Khalaf spoke, cars plastered with profiles of candidates flocked in with voters, most of them dressed in flowing robes and keffiyas. Mr. Khalaf and other voters refused to say how they were voting except that they would cast their ballots for the man they believed "most loyal to his people." One voter said he has not yet decided whom to vote for. "All are the same. You know, they are out today hunting for your vote, but as soon as they are seated in the council they forget. Ah, this is how it is."

The breakdown of the vote was: in Nablus 73 per cent compared to 63.2 some eight years ago; in Kalat 27.2, a 32 per cent against 73.1; in Jericho 91 against 59.2; in Arrat 85 against 85; in Toubas 95 against 74.8; in Anabata 95 against 94.5 and in Ya'bad 97 against 98.5. In Tulkarm 90 per cent voted but there were no 1963 statistics since the Jordanian district governor took them along when he fled the town during the Six Day War. In Safit a vote was not conducted and seven candidates were declared elected to the seven-seat local council since there were no competitors.

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Social and Personal

The Rumanian Ambassador, Mr. Ioan Covaci, on Monday called on the Minister of Immigrant Absorption, Mr. Natan Peled.

The head of the Political Department of the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister, accompanied by the Swedish Ambassador, Mr. Sten Sundfeldt, yesterday called on Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Sir Alan Cottrell, Chief Scientific Adviser to the British Cabinet, yesterday called on the President of the Hebrew University, Mr. Avram Harman.

Senator Heinz Strick, Senator for Finance of Berlin, and Mrs. Strick visited Bar-Ilan University on Monday, calling on Professor Baruch Kurzweil, professor of Hebrew and World Literature.

An *Oney Shabbat* in English for tourists and immigrants will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Tnuv Shivat Zion Synagogue, 86 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. A question-answer programme will feature Rabbi Yehuda Ansbacher, Moshe Roseti and Simon Clyne.

An exhibition of oils and watercolours by Boris Penson, who is serving a prison sentence in Russia for Zionist activity, opens at the Eia Harod Museum of Art tomorrow. It will remain open until April 22.

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George Meany raps Nixon's price board

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New aluminium tank for U.K.

COVENTRY, England (AP). — The first three production models of an Anglo-Belgian tank made of aluminium alloy came off the assembly lines this week.

The tank, known as the Scorpion, costs between £40,000 and £50,000 and weighs 7½ tons, four to six tons lighter than the British Saladin-Saracen series.

The saving in weight comes mainly from the use of aluminum-zinc-magnesium alloy. The Scorpion has a normal road speed of 72 kms. an hour. It can travel 640 kms. on roads without refuelling and 32,000 kms. without a major overhaul, the builders, the Alvis company, said. Its main armament is a 76 mm. gun which, because of the alloy, is about 25 per cent lighter than the 76 mm. now in service.

Alvis said the British and Belgian governments had ordered the tanks, but would not say how many. The Anglo-Belgian venture is estimated to be worth more than £21m.

We thank all those in Israel and abroad who expressed their condolences in person or in writing on the death of our beloved

ERWIN ABRAHAMSOHN

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The World Wizo Executive and the Hanna Meizel Shofet Agricultural High School in Nahalal announce in deep sorrow the death of

HANNA MEIZEL SHOFET

one of the founders of World Wizo and founder of the Agricultural High School in Nahalal. The funeral will take place on Friday, March 31, 1972 at 12 noon in Nahalal. The last tributes may be paid from 10.00 a.m. at the School in Nahalal. A bus will leave from Wizo House, 88 Sd. David Hamelech,

Turks halt executions, step up kidnap hunt

ANKARA (Reuter). — Turkish authorities yesterday temporarily halted the execution of three leftwing extremists, whose fate could decide that of three kidnapped British radar technicians.

Authorities said the case against the terrorists was being reviewed "to prevent any legal error" after the Republican People's Party claimed there were procedural mistakes during the parliamentary debate on the sentences. However, the move comes at a time when other terrorists are holding the three Britons, apparently as hostages for the extremists under death sentence. Turkish commandos were called out yesterday to join police in a massive hunt for the British technicians. Security forces throughout the country have been put on a state of full alert, and the martial law command in Ankara announced that a reward of 100,000 liras (about £2,800) would be paid to anyone giving information about the kidnapers.

The search is being concentrated in the rugged mountainous area of north-east Turkey, near the Black Sea coast. Air Force jet planes and helicopters swept low between the peaks in the hope of spotting guerrilla hideouts, while navy vessels patrolled the coast to block off the sea escape route.

The three Britons — Charles Turner, 45, Gordon Banner, 35, and John Law, 31 — were seized in their apartments by five armed guerrillas near the radar station at Unye, on the Black Sea coast, on Sunday night.

Mintoff claims victory

VALLETTA (AP). — Prime Minister Dom Mintoff described the Anglo-Maltese agreement presented to parliament here as "a big political and economic victory" in a television broadcast.

Britain had realized it was to her advantage to make the island economically viable, he said. This could only be achieved with the financial help both of Britain and NATO.

If Malta found herself economically viable at the end of the seven-year treaty period, Mr. Mintoff said, the island's bases would be given free of charge.

Under the new agreement, Maltese service employees will share equal pay and conditions with their British counterparts, including the liability to serve overseas.

Mr. Mintoff repeated his promise that the island's bases would not be used against any Arab states. Only countries from the Warsaw Pact would be excluded from coming to Malta.

The Libyan Government of Col. Muammar Gaddafi has formally asked the Arab countries to make an "urgent financial grant" of \$50m. to Malta, the Jordanian Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Smallpox outbreak reaches W. Germany

HANOVER, West Germany (Reuter). — A major search is being mounted for several hundred people who may have been in contact with a Yugoslav worker suffering from smallpox here.

The 30-year-old man, Ejup Hodocaj, came to Hanover two weeks ago from the Serbian province of Kosovo, where the disease broke out earlier this month. He was taken ill and hospitalized, and smallpox was diagnosed Monday night.

Health authorities fear he may have infected several people and the Lower Saxony state Social Ministry estimates he may have been in contact with about 300 people.

So far they have managed to locate 10 workmates and two people with whom the diseased man lived.

LEFT FOOD BEHIND

They were taken away in a land-rover later found abandoned 100 kms. away in the province of Tokat. The kidnapers, armed with machineguns and grenades, evidently felt their pursuers were getting close. In their haste, they left 23 tins of food, as well as English cigars and cigarettes, in the land-rover.

There was no clue as to where they had taken the Britons after that, and neither has there been any direct word from the guerrillas, members of the Turkish People's Liberation Army, as to what they intend to do with their captives.

But it seems certain they intend to use them to bargain over the fate of three leftwing extremists under sentence of death in Ankara on a charge of trying to overthrow the government by force. The condemned men were also found guilty of taking part in the kidnaping of five U.S. servicemen — later released — in February and participating in two bank robberies.

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Striking Protestants march on Stormont

BELFAST. — Protestants by the tens of thousands left Northern Ireland paralyzed yesterday for the second day and converged on Parliament, assembled for its final session before direct rule from London took effect.

Factories, shops and shipyards remained closed, bus, trains and air services were idle.

Flanked by heavy British troop reinforcements, the marchers cycled, or marched the 8 kms. from Belfast city centre to a rally at Stormont Castle, the Parliament building east of the capital.

"We are the people," the crowd chanted. "We shall not be moved."

"No surrender!" slogans on banners read, "hands off our parliament!"

Two men were killed by a bomb blast in mid-afternoon as a new outbreak of guerrilla violence by the I.R.A. rattled the police station in Limavady, near Londonderry.

Security forces blamed the I.R.A. for the Limavady blast, in which a bomb blew up in a rented van outside the police station, knocking down a wall and blowing a passing car off the road — killing its two occupants. Two policemen were treated for shock.

The bomb blast appeared to confirm reports that the on-again-off-again I.R.A. truce was definitely off. Industrial sources said as many as 300,000 persons either walked off the job or could not work because of cuts in electric power. Electric power output was down to one third of normal, with supplies being rationed on a rotation basis. British soldiers took time off from peacekeeping to provide generators for hospitals and to operate mobile kitchens warming milk for babies.

Both the rally and the strike were called by William Craig, who was sacked from the Northern Ireland government three years ago because of his extremist views.

The demonstration was to illustrate Protestant anger at last Friday's takeover by the British government of direct rule in Northern Ireland and the suspension of the Stormont Parliament, which has been dominated by Protestants ever since Ireland split in two 51 years ago.

More violent evidence of Protestant anger came Monday night in the town of Portadown, in County Armagh, where Protestant mobs wrecked and burned Catholic-owned shops and taverns. Afterwards Protestant street cleaners refused to clean up the mess. Portadown remained tense yesterday and at one stage about 150 Protestant youths were stopping cars in the centre of town. The small Catholic population of the town retired behind barricades that were rushed up at the ends of their streets.



William Craig, Ulster Vanguard leader, carries a William of Orange banner at rally outside Belfast City Hall. (AP radiophoto)

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U.S. willing to renew Algeria ties

ALGIERS (Reuter). — The U.S. is willing to renew diplomatic relations with Algeria or any other Arab country which broke off relations after the Six-Day War, David Newsom, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, said here tonight.

Mr. Newsom, the most senior U.S. government representative to have talks with Algerian President Houari Boumedienne since the break after the Six Day War, said his visit here was not aimed at discussing the question of renewing ties.

He described his two-hour meeting yesterday with President Boumedienne to whom he handed a goodwill message from President Nixon as "friendly and useful."

Mr. Newsom said there were no political problems between the two countries which would impede a resumption of political ties if Algeria was willing.

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Pakistani POW trial set soon

DACCA (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Abdus Samad said yesterday that the trial of Pakistani prisoners of war on charges of genocide would be hastened and a special tribunal would probably be constituted next week.

The Bangla Desh Government has completed the list of people to be tried as war criminals, including former Pakistani President Yahya Khan.

The ex-president will be tried in Dhaka, along with General Tikka Khan, Pakistan Army Chief of Staff, and Major-General Bahim Khan, former Deputy Martial Law Administrator in East Pakistan, who escaped to Burma during last December's Indo-Pakistani war.

Heading the list of prisoners to be tried are Lieutenant-General Amir Abdullah "Tiger" Niazi, former Commander of the Pakistan Army in East Pakistan and Major-General Rao Farman Ali, former military adviser to the East Pakistani government.

Mr. Samad, speaking in an interview, accused Pakistan President Ali Bhutto of "historical amnesia" over the possibility of war tribunals.

Mr. Bhutto said Saturday he would quit office, then see the Pakistani army humiliated by the war crimes trials, which the Bangla Desh regime has said it would hold. He set no specific time for any resignation.

In Rawalpindi, the dispute between Ali Bhutto and opposition leader Khan Abdul Wali Khan flared again yesterday with the demand that the National Assembly meet immediately to seek an alternative if Mr. Bhutto carries out his threat to resign.

Terrorists protest PFLP 'provocations'

BEIRUT (UPI). — Four Palestinian terrorist groups said Monday night they would take action against the National Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (NPLP) unless its "provocations" against them were stopped.

The announcement was contained in a statement jointly signed by Fatah, the Syrian-backed al-Sa'iq, the Popular Democratic Front, and a group which reportedly broke away from the Popular Front and calls itself the Popular Revolutionary Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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British-born woman freed after 4 years in China jail

PEKING (Reuter). — Mrs. Gladys Yang, British-born mother of three, returned to her Peking home yesterday after being detained for almost four years by the Chinese authorities.

Mrs. Yang, an English woman married to a Chinese school teacher, was arrested at the height of China's Cultural Revolution in mid-1968. Since then she had been held incommunicado and was neither seen nor heard from until yesterday.

It is not known where she was detained. Despite regular British requests for consular access during her detention, the only news of her since 1968 was last year when British charge d'affaires John Denson was informed she was in good health.

The British Embassy here said yesterday they were not planning to visit or see Mrs. Yang unless she made contact and requested them to do so.

Mrs. Yang and her husband were friends of new British Ambassador-designate John Addis when he was first secretary at the British Embassy in the Nationalist capital of Nanking during the late 1940s.

Friends of Mrs. Yang said that before her detention she made the decision that being married to a Chinese, she would completely accept the Chinese way of life. She lived in a Chinese home, wore Chinese clothes, ate Chinese food and brought her three children up in the Chinese manner.

There are still three other British subjects who were arrested during the Cultural Revolution and have not been seen since. They are Mrs. Elsie Epstein, Michael Shapiro and David Crook. All worked as translators at Peking's Foreign Language Press.

SALT talks resume

HELSINKI (Reuter). — The seventh round of the Soviet-American strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) resumed here yesterday with high hopes of an early agreement on first steps to slow the build-up of nuclear missiles.

The two chief negotiators, Gerard Smith of the U.S. and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Semenov, talked for just under 90 minutes in the opening plenary session at the Russian Embassy.

With the two sides apparently aiming at a formal treaty to limit anti-ballistic missile (A.B.M.) or defensive systems, coupled with a less formal interim agreement on offensive weapons, conference sources said it was decided at yesterday's session to set up working groups of experts immediately at all levels.

The two agreements concern limitation of the number of A.B.M.'s to be deployed by each side's defence, and probably the areas of deployment, linked with a freeze on construction of certain types of offensive missiles.

According to the latest U.S. figures, the Russians had 1,520 of these missiles at the end of last year while the American arsenal totalled 1,054.

An interim agreement would be followed by a broader treaty incorporating a larger range of strategic weapons.

But arms experts have grown slightly pessimistic about the chances of catching up with the nuclear arms spiral as both sides press ahead with development of increasingly sophisticated and costly weapons such as the submarine-launched long-range missile.

This is regarded as the weapon of the eighties, as experts believe it will take at least 10 years before scientists come near to developing a sufficiently deadly system to detect and knock out roving submarines. By that time, A.B.M.'s and I.C.B.M.'s may well be obsolete.

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Jailbreak halts Angela Davis trial

SAN JOSE, California (Reuter). — A jailbreak from a prison next to the courthouse where black militant Angela Davis is being tried for murder yesterday forced a temporary halt in her trial as police were rushed to hunt for the prisoners.

Police said two prisoners armed with knives had taken two hostages.

The two prisoners, described as "desperate," were believed to be still somewhere inside the Santa Clara county jail, which houses between 400 and 500 prisoners, police added.

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Prehistoric tools found in China

TOKYO (AP). — Peking's official New China (Hsinhua) News Agency (NCNA) said yesterday that stone implements, probably 300,000 to 300,000 years old, have been unearthed in Tayeh in the central China province of Hupeh.

NCNA said peasants working on an irrigation and drainage project uncovered a cave with a deposit containing fossil bones of animals on a limestone cliff.

Scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Hupeh Provincial Museum, NCNA said, checked the deposits and discovered stone implements.

Anti-Zionists hold protest in Texas

DALLAS, Texas (AP). — About 25 pupils from Austin and Dallas occupied the offices of the Arab League here Monday afternoon, mainly in protest against King Hussein's plans for dealing with the problem of Jerusalem, which they say "diverts attention from the threat of Zionism."

A spokesman said the group were from the Organization of Arab Students, the Palestine Solidarity Committee and the Vietnam Veterans against the War.

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GREEK VOLCANO STILL RUMBLING

By LISLIE FINER

THE abrupt ousting of General George Zoiakias as Regent of Greece, and Prime Minister George Papadopoulos' self-appointment to the office is an important landmark in the five-year history of the Greek dictatorship.

This is not, as the first comments have assumed, because it necessarily heralds the death of the Greek monarchy. It is more relevant to see the development as proof of severe strains within the regime of the Greek Colonels. To that extent, so far from signifying the end of the monarchy, it may well give King Constantine reason to hope for an earlier return to Athens than he was expecting.

King Constantine, his closest friends in exile suggest, is not in the least perturbed. And why should he be? It is well known that there is no prospect of an accommodation between him and Mr. Papadopoulos. That possibility was exhausted more than two years ago when the King in Rome rejected the repeated efforts of the Greek regime to persuade him back on his own terms. The King's terms for returning his throne in Greece — including free elections and the release of all political prisoners — were tantamount to a declaration that he would not return until the Colonels disappeared from the scene.

The fact that "Papadop" is now Regent changes nothing. He may indeed be thinking of a change in his own 1968 Constitution which would end the monarchy and see him installed as President of a Greek republic. But he knows that such a fundamental change could not possibly survive his own tenure of power. The issue of the monarchy will be wide open whenever and however the Greeks are given a voice in their own government. And at such a time, the monarchy will probably be welcomed back as an essential stabilizing institution, at least for an interim.

So, for Constantine, the important

question remains the same: how long will the Papadopoulos regime survive?

The answer to that question must now appear more hopeful. The fact and the almost degrading manner of the dismissal of Zoiakias makes nonsense of all the assumptions that have recently been made, especially abroad, about the regime's prospects; that it has achieved a solid stability and is "progressing" towards a fuller measure of constitutional rule.

General Zoiakias was no ordinary figure in the hierarchy of the dictatorship. Commander of the all-powerful Third Army Corps on the eve of the coup in 1967 and a member of the King's inner council of military advisers, it was he who betrayed to the junior officers of the junta the information that the King had vetoed the general's plan to take over the country for May of that year. It was on the basis of that revelation that the Colonels decided to go into action. They received the vital military support of Zoiakias, who was duly rewarded with the Ministry of Defence and, later, with the regency. Zoiakias has by no means lost that position of power and influence in army circles. In recent months, reliable information from Athens suggests that he had become the rallying point for the growing tide of resentment among army officers who object to the Papadopoulos personality cult and feel they have not shared enough of the spoils.

Since the option of the firing squad is hardly open to a regime which claims to have blessed Greece with order and stability, Mr. Papadopoulos has had to content himself with stripping General Zoiakias of office and consigning him to his suburban home at Hologos outside Athens. But will that be enough?

As the fifth anniversary of the coup approaches, it is clear that the ground beneath the Colonels' feet is not nearly so solid as many have assumed. The volcano is still rumbling.

Soviets grant Jew exit visa — if he divorces

NEW YORK (INA). — The Ukrainian authorities in Kiev have told a Jew there, Leonid Tabarovsky, that he may obtain an exit visa for Israel if he divorces his wife and leaves one of his two children behind, Jewish sources here said today. Tabarovsky was identified as a 39-year-old building engineer with a 34-year-old wife.

The sources also reported that Raisa Borbov of Kiev, whose husband Vladimir and son Boris served 15-day terms after their arrest outside the synagogue, has advised the authorities that they will seek to go to Israel "as long as our hearts beat." Mrs. Borbov protested the "malicious and insulting" treatment of the family, all of whom have been "thrown out of work" for applying for emigration. Nothing that during the Stalinist era her husband spent 10 years in a labour camp, she wrote that "we don't need posthumous rehabilitation."

It was further learned on Sunday that the indefinite hunger strike, initiated by political prisoners in Camp 19 of Potma prison in Soviet Mordovia on March 11, ended after four days. This was reported to Jewish sources here by the activist Vladimir Seipak.

Habe sues Duerrenmatt for 'fascist' slander

ZURICH (Reuter). — A Zurich court has heard more than five hours of evidence on a complaint by author Hans Habe that he was slandered by Swiss dramatist Friedrich Duerrenmatt.

Duerrenmatt, widely known for his plays, including "The Visit" and "The Physicist," denied the charge during the one-day hearing on Monday. The court said that it would communicate its verdict to both sides in writing in about two weeks.

Habe, the 63-year-old Hungarian-born Jewish novelist, has written some 20 books, with sales of more than 10 million copies.

The court was told that the affair centred on the appointment early in 1970 of Herr Harry Buckwitz, then director of the Frankfurt City Theatre in West Germany, as director of the Zurich Theatre.

Habe published an article in a West German Sunday newspaper in May 1970, accusing Buckwitz of having been a Nazi and of writing Nazi propaganda during the Hitler era.

Duerrenmatt also told the interviewer, the court heard, that even if what Buckwitz seemed to have written in the Hitler period turned out to have been what he did write, Habe now was worse than Buckwitz then.

Habe, who lives in Switzerland, was "an extremist of the centre," his counsel said. Counsel for Duerrenmatt denied that the dramatist had slandered Habe. He demanded acquittal and asked that Habe be ordered to pay the costs of the case.

IL 1/2 m. damages awarded for fall

HAIFA. — The District Court on Monday ordered the Weitzel Ministry and the Electra company to pay half a million pounds in damages to a local teacher who was paralyzed as a result of falling down the elevator shaft at the Haifa welfare offices.

Yosef Ma'oz, 40, had claimed IL817,000 in damages for injuries sustained in the fall, which occurred on November 5, 1969. Seeing the automatic door on his floor open, Ma'oz had entered the shaft, thinking the elevator was there, and had plunged three metres to the bottom of the shaft. As a result of the accident he is paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair. (Him)

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Riot police beat up a student (arrow) during the demonstration in Beirut yesterday demanding political and educational reform. At least ten students were hospitalized when police moved in to break up the sit-in of about 2,000 outside the Ministry of Education.



Angela Davis arrives for the first day of her trial in Santa Clara Superior Court on Monday, where she is accused of murder, kidnapping and conspiracy in an August, 1970 raid on the nearby Marin County courthouse.



A helmeted, club-wielding Boston policeman stands on a car as other policemen move in on a Boston University student demonstration protesting the appearance of U.S. Marine recruiters at the university on Monday.

America's forgotten men

By Max Lerner

The Florida primary results were not about liberals and conservatives, nor about racists or anti-racists. They were about people who figure themselves to be the forgotten men and women of the nation. The fall of the Democratic vote, running away from the rest of the field, but that doesn't call for a breath-taking hate-Wallace despair by those who dislike what Wallace stands for. Wallace doesn't own the forgotten men and women. They're not his property, now and next month and forever.

What happened was that Wallace moved into the anti-busing issue early, played it hard, and even played down his customary racist attitudes. His anti-court, anti-Government, and anti-politicians line helped him ride up his vote.

If we had a system of national primaries now, and if they came when anti-busing sentiment was high, Wallace might even win the Democratic primaries. For the feeling of the forgotten men and women isn't just Florida-wide, it is nationwide.

The candidate who did best was Wallace, yes. The candidates who did worst — along with Muskie — were the left-leaning Lindsay, McGovern and Shirley Chisholm, with 17 per cent combined.

But consider the candidates of the Centre. Muskie with 9 per cent got clobbered, but Jackson with 13 per cent and Humphrey with 18 per cent did surprisingly well.

Add the three and you get 40 per cent, which is just short of Wallace's. Muskie's candidacy may be dead on its feet or it could get new life breathed into it — we won't know for a while.

His problem is that he doesn't take account of the Populist mood. Wallace does, as a Populist of the Right. Jackson does, as a Populist of the Centre.

And even Humphrey's style is to talk directly to the forgotten — the old, the retired, the black, the unemployed — and since they remember him they feel surer that they are themselves remembered.

After that walk of his that I quoted from, Lawton Chiles added, "My walk did say to these people that I cared." Whoever hopes to beat Nixon in November must convince people that he cares about them and their children, that busing solves nothing just as antibusing solves nothing, that his concern for the children is not corrupted by Wallace's racism, that the heart of the problem is sensible integration, good schools, and a feeling for the neighbourhood as a community.

If one of the Democrats can get this across he can take Populism away from Wallace, lay his racism bare, and make the forgotten feel they are remembered.

The trouble now is that Humphrey has the albatross of LBJ memories riding him, and Jackson has his military hard line which enrages the young, and Muskie still clings to the trust theme of his 1970 TV talk, when the national mood has moved beyond it; and Lindsay and McGovern, as populists of the Left, are trying to be Bobby Kennedy without knowing how.

And all the time Teddy is sitting it out, and right now he must feel despite Chappaquiddick — that there is a chance he will inherit.

PALM SUNDAY SERMON:

'Israelis are oppressors'

WASHINGTON (INA). — A leading Washington Minister, the Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr. declared in a Palm Sunday sermon that the "once oppressed" Israelis had become the "oppressors" of Jerusalem.

The dean of the Washington Cathedral said he was basing his charge mainly on the views of a Hebrew University professor, Israel Shahak, who the dean said had described Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem in 1967 as "an immoral and unjust act."

Dr. Shahak, a lecturer in organic chemistry at the University, is currently in England and hence was not available for comment. Dean Sayre quoted Shahak Sunday as declaring in the current issue of "Christianity and Crisis," a journal of Christian religious and social opinion, that until the "non-Jews" of Jerusalem were given "freedom" the present situation "of one community oppressing the other will poison us all — and as Jews first

of all." He said many people had cheered when the Jews in 1967 "burst across the open sea" dividing West Jerusalem from Jordan-held Jerusalem. "But now oppressed become oppressors." He charged that Arab residents of Jerusalem were deported or "deprived unjustly" of their land and forbidden to bring their relatives to settle in Jerusalem. He asserted that Arabs "have neither voice nor happiness in the city that is the capital of their religious devotion too."

Dean Sayre's comments were made in the context of a reflection on the religious significance of the Holy city, a traditional topic for Palm Sunday. He declared that Jerusalem, "in all the pain of her history, remains the sign of our utmost reproach: the zenith of our hope, undone by the wanton meanness of men who will not share it with their fellows but choose to kill rather than to be overruled by God."

U.S. law enforcement teams for Europe, Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. will send four law enforcement survey teams to 20 nations in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America to study the problem of curbing the illegal international narcotics trade, the State Department announced this week.

The teams will leave early next month and work through the end of May. Nelson Gross, the department's special coordinator for narcotics matters, said the groups will examine the possibility of providing technical and material assistance and advice to the countries visited on stopping production and trafficking of illegal narcotics. Similar teams walked Asia last year, he said.

He expressed official U.S. gratification for action taken last week in Geneva by a special U.N. conference on strengthening the international narcotics control system.

The convention was particularly significant in giving new power to the international narcotics control board "to curb illicit cultivation, production, manufacture, trafficking and consumption of opium, heroin and other narcotics," Gross said.

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Rimalt to replace Saphir

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, chairman of the Liberal Party Executive, is to succeed the late Yosef Saphir as chairman of the Liberal Party and thus titular Party leader and co-chairman of Gahal, the Herut-Liberal Bloc.

The election is slated for next week when the Liberal Party Council will meet to settle the succession issue. It is almost certain that Dr. Rimalt's present post will be inherited by Mr. Simcha Erlich M.K., the Party organizational boss and chairman of its secretariat.

This decision on the new hierarchy was taken in party consultations Monday night in the memorial assembly held Monday night to commemorate the late Yosef Saphir — when eulogies were delivered by Dr. Rimalt, Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulzin and Zalman Suszyeff of the Manufacturers Association.

However, it is already clear that there will be something of a contest over the chairmanship of the Party Secretariat with Mr. Erlich's succession to Dr. Rimalt's post. Other candidates mentioned include Mr. Yosef Tamir, I.K. M. Gideon Patil M.K., Party Economic Council chairman, David Shifman; Party municipal affairs head Nathan Matalon; and Party secretary Raphael Harvi.

Awards honour Meir Sherman

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The memory of the late Meir Sherman, one of the pioneers of Israel's economic development, was honoured on Monday by the inauguration of the annual award in his memory by the Paz Petroleum Company Ltd. of which he was a director. Some IL25,500 in scholarships were awarded, the funds donated by the Israel Petroleum industry.

The ceremony was held at the Israel Petroleum Institute on the second anniversary of his death, in the presence of the widow, Mrs. Anna Sherman; Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein; Sir Isaac Wolfson, who is chairman of the Board of Directors of Paz Ltd., and Mr. Moshe Bitan, chairman of the Sherman Fund. Paz General Manager Yeshayahu Lachever announced the list of scholarship awards: Dimona Cossery, IL2,000; the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem, IL3,000; the Bezalel Art Academy, Jerusalem, IL1,000; the Haifa Technion received a grant of IL2,000 for the M.Sc. thesis of a student Shabtai Levinson; IL5,000 went to the Petroleum Institute for research work; the Israel Museum received IL5,000 to buy a painting by Israeli artist Avigdor Steinmetzky; and the Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer received IL7,500 for two research works — one on sterility by Dr. Borislaw Goldman and the other on children's kidney infections by Dr. Ephraim Gani.

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NEW IDEA IN INDUSTRY

FLEXIBLE working hours, a new way of organizing factory and office life, has been adopted in recent years in more than 40 German enterprises. Steffen Hackh reports about the interesting results of the new method in a booklet, published by the official German Institute for business economics.

Flexible working hours, or f.w.h. for short, are organized in two different ways. The most simple is the "moving working time." The factory opens at seven a.m. and closes at six p.m. The worker who has to work an eight-hour day can choose when to start and when to finish. As the factory is open for 11 hours, he can not start later than 10 a.m. nor leave earlier than 4 p.m. Consequently, all workers are at their jobs between 10 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. Before these hours, the factory workbenches or the office desks are only partly occupied.

The organization of flexible working hours in this way is not a simple matter. Not every factory will be able to adopt this modern method of production. Even factories that can be organized in this way may be able to grant only some of their workers the privilege of choosing flexible hours. The factory management has to plan carefully, in close collaboration with the shop committees and the workers councils.

However, Mr. Hackh reports that the German experience is well worth the trouble. The worker can organize his free time according to his own wishes. Women can look after their children before sending them to school. Students may prefer to start working early to be free in the late afternoon for evening classes. Most important, travel conditions will be eased, as the roads, trams and buses are less crowded at off-peak hours. The employer profits from the better atmosphere that prevails in a factory with flexible working hours. Absence owing to illness drops. Production is spread over a greater number of hours, which prevents the creation of bottlenecks.

More complicated

A more complicated, but more adaptable way of arranging flexible working hours, is the "variable working schedule." This arrangement not only makes it possible to start working at an early hour, or finishing later, but also to work a different number of hours on different days. When using a variable working schedule, an employee creates hour surpluses or hour shortages. Once a month, the account of the number of hours worked is made up. Although it has to be near the requisite number of monthly working hours, surpluses or shortages of

up to 10 hours can be carried over to the next month.

Variable working schedules and flexible working hours are only possible if workings and goings are carefully registered. A time clock is indispensable for a smooth operation of any f.w.h. arrangement.

Dr. A.A. Van Rijn, former Director-General of the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs, reports that flexible working hours have been successfully adopted in the Netherlands by a score of Dutch enterprises.

In the well-known rayon factory of ENKA, Arnhem, 2,000 workers profit from this arrangement. Government offices, and especially the postal services, are experimenting with flexible working hours. So far, the experience has been favourable, especially including married women — who in Holland seldom enter into gainful employment — to start working.

The new idea of flexible working hours may sound unusual. The introduction is by no means simple, and might even be cumbersome. But the net profit gained by the factory from this new working method should not be underestimated. The advocates of flexible working hours say that more important still is the worker's feeling of increased liberty, that he can arrange his work with his family duties and his hobbies to his own satisfaction. **J. VOET**

The trump-asking bid

THE trump asking bid is one of the Precision System's interesting innovations. In response to the artificial 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ opening, partner makes a positive bid with a five card suit or longer and at least eight high card points, calling one in that suit if a major or two if a minor. Opener's raise is the trump asking bid. The answer shows by steps the texture of the suit. The next higher level is one step; skipping one level is two steps; etc.

what it means
1 3 or more cards, jack high or worse
2 5 cards 1 of top 3 honours
3 5 cards 2 of top 3 honours
4 6 or more cards, 1 of top 3 honours
5 6 or more cards, 2 of top 3 honours
6 6 or more cards, all of top 3 honours

I played today's hand at Kfar Blum. Although Precision was not used, and was not the only way to reach the optimum contract, it is interesting to review the bidding by Precision players:

North South
AK10 QJ843
KQJ5 A62
AK 632
K1062 QJ7

Precision bidding:
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2)
2 (3) 2 (4)
3 (5) 3 (6)
4 (7) 4 (8)
(1) Minimum of 18 high card points
(2) At least five spades and 8 high card points
(3) The trump asking bid
(4) The second step over 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ — 5 spades and one of the top three honours, obviously the Q.
(5) Blackwood
(6) One ace

Business and Finance

Conn. Edited by Tannah Hirsch.

Over 200 deals, including all deals of the 128 boards final between France and the U.S. Aces are presented, with descriptions and analyses of bidding and play. The introduction describes the systems used by all the players and a history of the Bermuda Bowl for which the world championship is named, and which is awarded to the winning team. The book is well organized, well written, and is highly recommended as a comprehensive demonstration of top-level bridge at its best.

Readers' answers invited on this hand from the Dizengoff Cup Tournament: (Scoring was Top-Bottom.)

North South
A8642 Q
KJ5 A62
AK 632
K1062 QJ7

Do you open with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, or...? How do you reach 6 \heartsuit ? Do you dare as South to bid 6 NT?

The Netanya Duplicate Bridge Club. This club has made outstanding progress and now has two affiliates in Pardess Hanna and in Herzliya. In all three groups there is a total membership of 200. The officers are: Chairman, M. Dotan; Captain, B. Levy; Secretary, B. Sandier; Treasurer, Mrs. V. Moses. Members at Large: J. Singer, Y. Millionaire, and S. Liberant. Pardess Hanna representative: Zilberstein, Herzliya representative: Mr. L. Barneff.

The Netanya Club Weekly Schedule: (games at 8 p.m.): Monday: Orly Hotel, Netanya; Tuesday: Nordan 50, Herzliya; B; Thursday: Wizo Hall, Netanya; Sunday: Wizo Hall, Pardess Hanna.

Bridge calendar

Coming Events
April 2, 4, 5 & 7. Final trials to select team to represent Israel at the Olympiad in Miami.
April 21, 22. Friedman Cup, Beersheba, starting at 4 p.m. on April 21, Hotel Zohar.
April 29, 10 a.m. Junior Championship, Dukes Club, Tel Aviv.
Results
Haifa: March 15, Pairs. Prepared tables: 17 tables: N-S: 1. Mrs. Kallstein-Mrs. Reichenstein, 2. Mrs. Mayer-Mrs. Wagner, E-W: 1. Mrs. Glaubach-Mrs. Miller, 2. Lambert-Rugel.
Jerusalem: March 15, Pairs. 14 tables: 1. Levi-Nidam, 2. Mr. & Mrs. Segal, 3. Mr. & Mrs. Cervino, 4. Mrs. Barlay-Mrs. Shohet.
March 19. Teams of four, six tables, winner: Royal Yacht, Binyamin-Hardon.
Tel Aviv: March 8, Pairs. Purim Tournament, end of three rounds, 31 tables: N-S: 1. Mr. & Mrs. Duchovny, 2. Mrs. Hitalch-Mrs. Tumin, 3. Seligman-Shafrail-Lev, E-W: 1. Katz-Hoffman, 2. Meltzer-Bardach, 3. Mrs. Sinder-Selmannoff Jr.
March 9, Pairs, Esther Hanukkah Tournament, end of three rounds, 24 tables: N-S: 1. Friedman, Kaufman, 2. Fisher-Ronal, 3. Press-Rosenthal, E-W: 1. Frank-Rubin, 2. Shaltiel-Salinger, 3. Shuchman-Gordon.
Weekly Duplicate Games, 8:00 p.m. Ashkelon — Monday, Thursday; Museum, Beersheba — Monday, Thursday; Beit Ya'acov — Monday, Thursday; Beit Hagafen, Herzliya B — Tuesday, Nordan 50, Jerusalem — Sunday, Wednesday; Sports Club, Be'er Sheva — Tuesday; Beit Nagler, Netanya — Monday; Orly Hotel: Thursday; Wizo Hall, Pardess Hanna — Sunday; Wizo Hall, Be'er Sheva — Thursday; Masada Hall, Be'er Sheva — Sunday; Beit Hatarbut Yehud, Tel Aviv — Wednesday, Thursday; Dukes Club.

BID BY LEHAVOT WINS MALAWI SALE

TIBERIAS. — A bid by the Lehavot sprayer factory of Kibbutz Lehavot Habashan for the supply of 10,000 sprayers to Malawi was again successful against strong international competition. Manager F. Rafael Alion said the \$100,000 contract was won due to the high reputation of the company's products, which are said to have helped Malawi cotton growers to substantially increase their yields.

Agmon calls for revision in Gov't spending

TEL AVIV. — Government expenditure projects should be revised with a view to cutting as much as possible, Mr. Avraham Agmon, director-general of the Ministry of Finance, said at a symposium on the Budget and Israeli economy organized by the Israel Management Centre at the Accadia Hotel on Monday. In particular, public building progress should be reduced, Mr. Agmon said, in order to offset soaring building activity for other purposes.

Mr. Agmon did not believe the fiscal reform recommended by the Asher Committee — including cuts in income tax rates and introduction of a value-added tax — would be carried out in the near future in view of the time required for the complex legislative process involved. It would be too late to carry it out in 1972. He was also sceptical about the chances of having a value-added tax introduced in 1973 on the eve of elections.



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Amidar-Amigur division

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour party leadership bureau on Monday adopted a series of decisions aimed at regularizing relations between Amidar and the newly formed Amigur Company Ltd. The staff of Amidar, which is Jewish Agency owned, had sent a delegation to the party, asking for its intervention following the decision to set up the government-owned Amigur that will take over part of the former company's properties.

The meeting heard reports from Premier Golda Meir, Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapira, Housing Minister Ze'ev Shazar, Jewish Agency officials and Amigur personnel. The party recommended to the Government and the Jewish Agency to ensure that the rights of Amidar personnel were properly protected in the change-over, that Amidar personnel would have priority for employment in Amigur and they should have the same wages, working conditions and fringe benefits. It also recommended that, to avoid duplication of work, the country should be divided up into distinct areas of operations for the two companies.

In reply to a question, the Labour party spokesman said no one raised any complaint about the conditions of Amigur prejudicing the rights of the householders to buy their homes. However, one of the decisions adopted

urged the Government to equalize the rights of both companies. The spokesman said that this decision should surely apply to the Government.

'No immediate danger to Lake Kinneret'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — There is no immediate serious danger to Lake Kinneret, according to Mr. Yohai Bin-Nun, director of the Oceanographic and Limnology Research Company. "The lake will be saved," Mr. Bin-Nun told the Shipping Research Society here, on Monday night.

He repeated the sombre prophecies made recently, that the lake would be within five years from pollution: "We have five or six years in which to study the problem thoroughly," he said, "and our Kinneret research station at Tzfat will be able to solve the pollution problem, by then, in a practical way, commensurate with Israel's resources."

Mr. Bin-Nun, a former commander of the Navy, also said his company had finished mapping the floor of the Tiran Straits, and the maps would be published within six months. The company has recently published a detailed map of Israel's continental shelf.

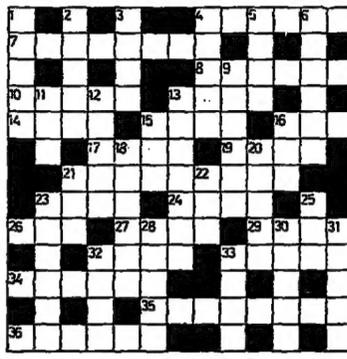
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 Caper (6)
7 Ferrade (8)
8 Group answer
10 Assignment (5)
12 Tunes (4)
14 Orient (4)
15 Phi (4)
16 Looped knot (3)
17 Rowers (4)
19 Talk (4)
20 Trashed (5)
22 Bounders (4)
24 Pad to win (4)
26 Decoy (3)
27 Flutter (4)
29 Filled (4)
30 Punct (4)
33 Type of willow (5)
34 Respect (6)
35 Debate (8)
36 Cuts (6)

DOWN
1 Malice (5)
2 Entreats (5)
3 Warmth (4)
4 Danger (5)
5 Deeds (4)
6 Vegetables (6)
8 Build (6)
11 Uncooked (3)
12 Tolerated (5)
13 Acquit (7)
15 Sail (3)
16 Evil (3)
18 Reply (6)
20 Pays attention (5)
22 Animal (3)
23 Fish eggs (3)
24 Pomper (6)
25 GOLF aid (3)
28 Regions (5)
29 Become mature (5)
31 Great anger (5)
32 Conical (4)
33 Midget work (4)



27 Point to a blend of tea of full-strength (4)

28 How endless bays can be made plausible (4)
29 Guess he was \$501 (4)
30 Colourful staff (5)
31 Delay Jack getting into the red (6)
32 Because there's no more money? (8)
33 One way to read Proust in a joggle (5)

DOWN
1 It can hurt more than a rap (5)
2 It's important when glazing the jam to add a piece of orange (5)
3 I did so as not to do any work (4)
4 Even if not a BEM, it can still go "brrn" (5)
5 An acronym of advantage (4)
6 Antique China (6)
7 It's pensible and was laid egg (3)
8 The room needs a bit of widening (3)
9 Bowsly swan boy? (5)
10 Characteristics of epistols? (7)
11 Raise money for a vehicle (5)
12 IB-401 shown by many a girl (6)
13 How a fat donor goes both ways (2, 3, 3)
14 Drinks proposed by the master (6)
15 After some fuss, live in the house (5)
16 Informed by a debt? (4)
17 Somewhat superior fairy (4)
18 Explorer who went by road (4)
19 Navigational aid (3)
20 Here's something to eat, so get out of bed (4)
21 One method of fixture (4)
22 Eminent man, who seems a scowler to dad (3, 8)
23 Finished in customary fashion (4)
24 Jobs editor at school? (4)
25 Is used in fishing and in the wine trade (3)

Friday's Easy Solution

ACROSS—1. Pauper, 7. Innocent, 8. Oid, 10. Animal, 11. Descend, 14. Bed, 16. Rises, 17. Ever, 19. Revel, 21. Tired, 22. Debt, 23. Gels, 26. Cover, 28. Son, 29. Amends, 30. Pardon, 31. Eggs, 32. Squirrel, 33. Tennis.

DOWN—1. Pirate, 2. Primer, 3. Bill, 4. Covered, 5. Bears, 6. Stays, 8. Gibe, 9. Lad, 12. All, 13. Least, 15. Merr, 16. Venom, 19. Rib, 20. Vert, 21. Tenders, 23. Den, 24. Gargon, 24. Ends, 26. Singe, 28. Cause, 27. Venus, 29. Sag, 30. Pelt.

Friday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS—1. Puppets, 7. Heat-wave, 8. Fish, 10. President, 11. Reverse, 14. Let, 16. (padding), 18. Meter, 17. T-t-t, 19. Leapt, 21. Feb-4, 22. Sa-p-d, 23. Vast, 25. Upper, 26. Pin, 28. Straps, 30. Sec-der, 31. Eats, 32. Exposure, 33. Mar-mar (rev.).

DOWN—1. Pop-pet, 2. Prices, 3. This, 4. A-TT-empty, 5. Car-de-t, 6. Fever, 8. Felt, 9. Fib, 12. Vet, 13. RE-bus, 15. Deb-it, 18. Inapt, 19. Lap, 20. Aid (rev.), 21. Harpist, 22. Sea, 23. Victor (Herbert), 24. Ants, 25. Tar-dar, 26. Usher (Hall), 27. Props, 28. Pen, 29. See-2.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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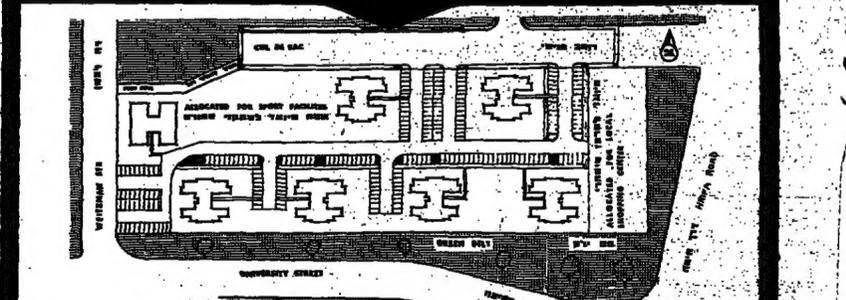
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The case against civil marriage

PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW

By Yitzhak Korn, M.K.

The small Independent Liberal Party has submitted to the Knesset a private member's bill, the purpose of which is to introduce in Israel a system of civil marriage which will operate in those cases where the status of the parties from a religious point of view is such that the rabbinical authorities will not sanction a religious marriage. For example: where one partner has not been converted according to *halacha*, where a *cohen* wishes to marry a divorcee, where one of the partners is considered a *mamzer* according to Jewish law, etc. The Independent Liberal Party is in the coalition government and is thus committed to its platform, which includes a clause for the maintenance of the *status quo* in religious matters. This draft law has aroused considerable controversy, and other parties in the coalition are in danger of being divided when it comes to a vote. Mr. Korn, of the Alignment, is opposed to this move, as being dangerous to the unity of the Jewish People.

will open up a stormy chapter in the relations between the two sectors.

If the proposal of the Independent Liberals is adopted, a group of citizens will be created who will be isolated by virtue of the fact that neither they nor their descendants will be able to contract marriage with the rest of the people. Their number will not remain static, but will grow. For one thing, to the extent that civil marriage is recognized in Israel, extremist Orthodox rabbis will tend to be even more strict in the matter of sanctioning religious marriage.

That sector of the population which has all along agitated for civil marriage would certainly make use of the civil marriage facilities.

It is not a question of isolated cases, but will affect a wide circle which will continue to grow and cause a dangerous schism in Israeli society. It will not be confined to questions of religion, but will run over into other facets of life.

The inclusion of marriage and divorce in Israel's legislation based upon the *halacha* was prompted by

question and could lead to untold difficulties.

In the debate on the question of civil marriage there are those who base themselves on an article by Dr. Moshe Silberg, a member of the Supreme Court, who says that there are certain circumstances in which the Rabbinate is unable to decide and that a solution must be found for these cases. It is wrong, however, to think that Mr. Justice Silberg favored the system of creating an isolated group as a result of the Rabbinate's refusal. Such a system would create a set of people, branded with a special mark, who would be unable to enter into marriage with the rest of the Israeli people. One examines Professor Silberg's article carefully, it will be seen to be a plea to the Rabbinate to find a way to overcome the difficulties.

It appears that what we have tried to avoid for many years — not to engage in hasty acts liable to create internal dissension — could easily come about with the introduction of civil marriage without sufficient serious consideration. We have had our fill of fraternal strife, and if everyone refuses to yield on the smallest point we shall exacerbate the situation and create more conflict.

Rabbis' duty

Quite apart from my fundamental opposition to civil marriage, I believe it is first and foremost the duty of those rabbis who follow the tenets of Halal to make every effort to find a way to mitigate this problem, and seek every possible solution. If the disciples of Shammai have their way the conflict will happen and extremism be encouraged.

There may be elements to whom it is a matter of indifference if this occurs. And there are also those who, from a national point of view, are prepared to accept day to day palliatives. A wise people however — a people which had its fill of pain and doubt before it reached independence — is called upon to weigh every step in order to prevent bitterness.

London Gallery opens in Tel Aviv

A BRANCH of a London art gallery has just opened in Tel Aviv. The gallery, in addition to dealing with local paintings and antiques, should enable Israeli collectors to widen their connections with European art.

It is situated at 22 Gordon Street on the corner of Ben Yehuda Street, and is a branch of the London gallery of Stern (Art Dealers) Co. The owner, Mr. Meir Stern, is himself a painter, and intends to provide a picture restoration service also.

Rehovot clubs fighting for League 'A' championship

By PAUL KOHN, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The neck and neck race for the League "A" south championship and promotion to the national league next season between the Rehovot suburb soccer clubs, Marmorek Hapoel and Sha'arayim Maccabi, continues dramatically. Both clubs are level on points, with Marmorek having the better goal average.

Marmorek Hapoel play away this Saturday against Beit Shemesh Hapoel, who are in 18th place. Beit Shemesh Hapoel won their last home game against Yahud Hapoel, but now face a far more dangerous forward line that has scored 47 goals this season compared to Beit Shemesh's 18 goals. The league leaders must be favoured for another win.

Sha'arayim Maccabi also look set for two more points, playing at home to 15th placed Ramle Betar. The Ramle team have not a bad defence, having conceded only 20 goals in 19 games, but here too the great difference is in attacking power, Sha'arayim having 32 goals to their credit to Ramle's 18 goals.

An interesting mid-table clash will be between Bat Yam Hapoel and Ashkelon Hapoel. These teams lack sharpshooters, the Ashkelon forwards having netted only 12 goals, but Ashkelon has won its last two games, and may not be easy to beat.

Lod Hapoel are at home to Hilat Hapoel. Both teams lost their games last week, and although Lod are in 6th place and Hilat Hapoel

14th, their goal averages read 27-28 for Lod and 26-23 Hilat. The Hilat team are a much better home side than away, and this factor may strongly favour Lod Hapoel.

In the northern division, leaders Petah Tikva Maccabi play a Derby against the Mahane Yehuda Hapoel locals. Whilst Maccabi have scored three times the number of goals than Mahane Yehuda and have conceded only half as many, it is dangerous to exclude a draw in a Derby game forecast.

Second placed Akra Hapoel return home after a surprising defeat in Nazareth last week, entertaining Herzliya Hapoel. The Akra team must return to winning form if it is to maintain its high position in the league.

Nahariya Hapoel are on the upgrade again, after a patch of bad form. They travel to Herzliya to face the local Maccabi, and though in 7th place compared to Maccabi's 6th position, Nahariya have the superior goal average. An away win must not be excluded in this encounter.

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Toynbee tribute to Herzog



Herzog (left) and Toynbee during their famous radio debate on Zionism in Montreal in 1961.

Mrs. Pnina Herzog, widow of the late Dr. Ya'acov Herzog, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, who died two weeks ago, has received the following letter from British political historian, Arnold Toynbee, whom he challenged to a public debate when he (Herzog) was Israeli Ambassador to Canada:

"I was most grieved to read the sad news of your husband's death. The last time that he and I met, he was expecting to be in London again before long. I had assumed that he had been prevented from coming by pressure of work. If I had known that the cause was serious illness, I would have written to him, long ago, to give him my sympathy.

"Though Dr. Herzog and I differed in our political views, we had a common aim in trying to find some way of attaining peace, and our political differences did not interfere with personal feelings of friendliness toward each other. I always enjoyed my opportunities of meeting your husband, and we were able to discuss amiably, and also constructively, I think, the issues about Middle Eastern affairs that are so extremely controversial.

"By accident, I have had a long life (I shall be 93 next month), and this makes me mourn for the premature death of people with great gifts who still had much work to do. Dr. Herzog was unusually gifted in a number of different lines, and he achieved what he did in spite of the handicap of ill health.

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Trying hard to be 'with it'

THE PILL (Maxim, Tel Aviv), New Israeli film with screenplay by Nissim Aloni and direction by David Perlov, is not about today's most discussed pill, but about a tranquillizer which has very different effects.

Mr. Pick (Avner Heziyahu) wants his young brother Getz to marry and settle down. Getz is a pop singer — which gives actor-singer Josi Banai an opportunity to sing a couple of numbers to Yohanan Zarai's music — to whom the idea does not appeal. A highly excitable young lady song-writer (Germaine Youngovsky), forces herself into the Pick home, followed by Papa (the late Shraga Friedman), a chemist who has invented a tranquillizer to pacify his tempestuous daughter. Mr. Pick decides this is just the pill he needs for Getz, but no calm follows. Instead it works such transformations in him that he sets his whole entourage by the ears.

I suppose this is meant to be a crazy comedy of the Woody Allen type and the situations which rapidly follow one another are grotesque, but they are not amusing. The visual gags and gimmicks are not new, and I had the feeling that the director was trying to be "with it" at all costs. A colour sequence (the film is in black and white, photographed by Adam Greenberg) in which Mr. Pick dreams he is at his own funeral is a well-known ploy of many Italian comedies and quite out of place here.

The cast, all well-known, competent players, expend considerable energy and deserve better than they get.

The film was made about four years ago.

WALT DISNEY SHORTS (Paris, Tel Aviv) presents nine Oscar-winning animated cartoons, from 1932 to 1941, and a marvelous nature film about aquatic birds, which alone is worth the price of a ticket. The cartoons included such favorites as "Three Little Pigs" (1933), "The Old Mill" (1937), "Ferdinand the Bull" (1938) and "Lead a Paw" (1941). Seeing these cartoons once again, one cannot but wonder at the films' inventiveness and the fluidity of the draughtsmanship.

The programme coincides with the school holidays but adults will enjoy it as much, if not more, than the children. S.W.

On trial for threatening reporter

TEL AVIV. — The trial of Shimon Danoch, charged with threatening to kill "Ha'aretz" reporter Ron Kislev over the latter's series on organized crime in Israel, opened here on Monday before Magistrate Boris Rappoport.

Kislev claimed that Danoch entered the "Ha'aretz" offices in Tel Aviv on April 19 and threatened that Kislev "might stop a bullet or a blade" if he didn't halt his crime series. Danoch particularly wanted his mentor, "Mentash" (Mordechai Zarfat), left alone, according to Kislev, who added that he had been bothered by anonymous telephone threats at the same time.

Defence counsel denied the charge, saying that Danoch had gone to Landau to discuss the series after Kislev had linked Danoch's name with the 1970 murder of Ezra Shemtov Mizrahi. Judge Rappoport rejected a defence attempt to have Kislev forced to reveal the source of this information, saying that it was not in the public interest and was irrelevant to the case.

Kislev denied that Danoch had mentioned the murder case, and said that Danoch had been annoyed at an article on gambling.

Judge Rappoport also refused to allow the defence to introduce an evidence a report from the Government Legal Adviser which the defence claimed cleared Danoch of any connection with the murder, on the grounds that it was irrelevant. The defence nevertheless said it would call on the Legal Adviser to testify on Danoch's behalf. (Itim)

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The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Musica Viva concert No. 3, The New Vienna School. Conductor: Zubin Mehta. Soloists: Stella Richmond, soprano; Jane Manning, soprano. Hebrew text of Pierrot Lunaire read by Michael Rat-Adam. (Tel Aviv, Yeha Auditorium, March 23). Webern: Concerto for Nine Instruments; Berg: Three excerpts from "Wozzek"; Schoenberg: "Pierrot Lunaire."



IN contrast to the previous Musica Viva concerts, no new or experimental works were presented this time. All three items were music which has proved its lasting value and great historical importance. Nevertheless, this concert was no less stimulating and exciting than the previous ones. What Mr. Mehta accomplished was really outstanding. To include works by Webern, Berg and Schoenberg in one concert is a daring thing to do, even if it is a Musica Viva concert. I think that one of the reasons for the remarkable success was that two of the works — the excerpts from "Wozzek" and "Pierrot Lunaire" — are of tremendous emotional appeal and, if performed properly, have an almost intoxicating influence.

The "Wozzek" has already been reviewed in this column. The performance of "Pierrot Lunaire," with Jane Manning, was one of the truly sensational events of the season. Yeha Manning is indeed, as Mr. Mehta put it, an accomplished artist. Her interpretation of Schoenberg's masterpiece was overwhelming. A singing voice is supposed to be able to express a wide range of human emotion, but what Miss Manning was able to convey in her "Sprechgesang" — spoken melody — was beyond expectation. The complete range of human feelings, expressed in hundreds of variations, shades and nuances, indicated by the most subtle and refined modulations of the voice, was an experience for which we must be deeply indebted both to the artist and to Mr. Mehta.

Dressed in the traditional costume

Gov't authority to supervise pension funds

The establishment of a Government authority to supervise the various pension funds, and obligating all breadwinners — both wage earners and self-employed — to belong to a pension plan, are two provisions of the proposed pension law which was tabled before the Cabinet by Labour Minister Yosef Almog.

Mr. Almog announced the proposed law at a seminar in Givat Haviva Monday. In the first stage, he said, the authority will recommend minimum and maximum figures for the different pension funds, which will become mandatory after approval by the Ministers of Labour and Finance. The second stage will come into effect after a transition period of 24 months for self-employed, and 36 months for salaried workers, after which pension "insurance" will be a must for all. The intention is not to establish a national pension fund, Minister Almog explained, but to provide a law insuring pensions for everyone, under government supervision.

City inspector indicted for illegal building

TEL AVIV. — Israel Danoch, the municipal inspector who built a house without obtaining a permit — and destroyed it by order of the District Court — was indicted Monday on three counts of building without a permit, and two counts of disregarding a court order.

The counts of disregarding the court order were dropped, when Danoch proved the orders specified an incorrect plot and subdivision. The trial on the other counts is scheduled for May. (Itim)

Amiable but unimaginative

of Columbine and standing in a spot of changing coloured lights in a darkened hall, Miss Manning might have focused all attention on herself; but her performance was so completely integrated with the excellent performance of the seven musicians that all elements, musical, dramatic

Special concert by the Israel Chamber Ensemble. Conductor: Yosef Talmi. Soloists: Anne Fashley, soprano; Rosanne Creffield, mezzo-soprano; with women's choir from Kibbutz. (Tel Aviv, Dohar Hall, March 23). Mendelssohn: Sinfonia No. 3 in C Minor for String Orchestra; Gluck: Rinaldo and Arias; Purcell: Dido's Lament from Dido and Fenice; Bach: Duet from Cantata No. 78; Pergolesi: "Stabat Mater."

YOAV Talmi's conducting may lack sparkle, but he is a sound musician who approaches music with great respect and good taste. These qualities served him well all through this evening, which was amiable and pleasant although never imaginative enough to inspire and excite.

The Mendelssohn Sinfonia — written by the composer at the age of 14 — was cheerfully alive and, with the exception of the slow movement, in which the intonation of the violins was pretty poor, a welcome experience.

The three vocal items presented by the two guest singers were all competently sung, to a delicately weighted accompaniment. None however went beyond convention and routine. Miss Creffield's mezzo still needed polish, and Anne Fashley's Lament of Dido, although having some merit, seemed too sophisticated and contrived for the simple and natural beauty of the music.

One could find no particular fault with the "Stabat Mater." The vocal parts were all efficiently executed, although Miss Creffield had to cope with a part much too low for her — the choir lived up to its reputation and the orchestra was handled carefully and delicately. Yet for all this, the performance never really took wing.

and visual, combined into one single medium of expression. The "Wozzek" excerpts were preceded by a marvellous presentation of Webern's Concerto for nine instruments. Although concise and short, like all Webern's works, this was by far the most difficult part of the programme to digest because it is 12-tone music in its purest and most formal expression. It was therefore quite right to perform it as the first item.

Mr. Mehta introduced each work with an explanation of various aspects of the music and after the concert there was question time which lasted till midnight. Mr. Mehta's wit and humour and the informal atmosphere he succeeds in creating in these concerts are admirable. However, even if some of the questions are silly, serious questions should be dealt with seriously, and not be ridiculed, as happened with the one about computer music, just because none of the distinguished gentlemen on stage, including Mr. Mehta himself, seemed able to answer it properly. BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Hapoel parley: no resolutions

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Hapoel convention, which nearly did not take place because of the Histadrut Secretary-General's objections, ended last night in compromise. The convention passed no resolutions, but elected a 258-member council which will have to convene within three months to elect a secretary-general and adopt resolutions. Hapoel secretary Yosef Inbar will continue in office in the meantime.

Histadrut Secretary-General, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon objected to the conference taking place at this time, but was overruled by the majority in the Labour party. Mr. Ben-Aharon did not address the convention.

The three-month "breathing spell" compromise will give time for clarification of the relationship between Hapoel and the Histadrut. A proposal to break the direct link between the labour councils and the Hapoel branches was rejected. Mr. Inbar, reacting publicly for the first time to the findings of last year's Eshkol Committee inquiry on sports malpractice, said the Government was also a partner in the "Toto" football pool. "But for some reason only we (Hapoel) have been blamed." He said Hapoel had set up the "Toto" for the good of sports in the country, "And I never got any personal benefit from it."

Readers' letters

Gracious officialdom cited

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — One hears so many complaints about the lack of facilities on the part of Israeli officialdom that I felt I had to share with you the gracious and prompt attention given me this morning when I called the office of the Mayor of Herzliya.

Across from my apartment, there is a complex of industrial establishments. This morning one of them decided to get rid of some of its industrial waste by building a huge bonfire on an empty lot in front of its building. Immediately the entire area was covered with black acrid smoke that completely shut out the sun and brought a repugnant odour to the section. I called the Mayor's office and spoke to his aide, a Mr. Yigal Barzilai. He apologized for the inconvenience and told me that he saw the black cloud of the fire from his office at the Municipality

and that he would at once send out an inspector to check into the matter. I am pleased to report that within 15 minutes the fire was put out and all our neighbours were able to enjoy the beautiful Herzliya sun.

It seems to me that if other citizens would take the trouble to consult with their municipal authorities, they may assist them in their difficult tasks, thus making Israel an ever more pleasant place for native and visitor alike. RABBI RUBEN E. DOBIN Herzliya, March 18.

WHAT HAPPENED TO BLUE AND WHITE?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — I am amazed at the amount of foreign goods in the shops which cost valuable foreign currency to import. In many cases the Israeli product is identical in quality. What happened to the Blue and White campaign and what does the Manufacturers' Association intend to do to encourage the public to buy Israel made goods? Surely it is in their best interests. If the campaign is still on it is so weak as to be unnoticeable and I think the Association can afford to spend a bit more on their publicity. MRS. E. GREENSPAN Kiryat Ono, March 12.

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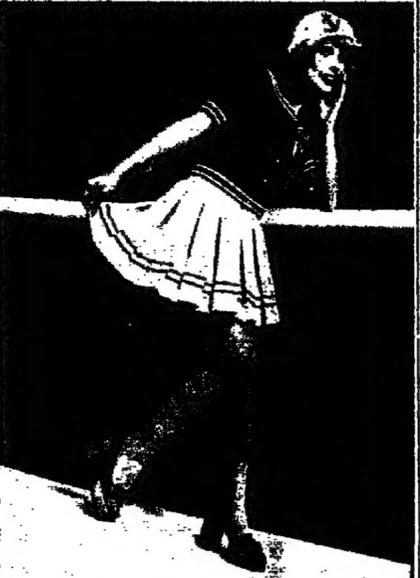
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SUMMER STOCK

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER
Jerusalem Post Fashion Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As back-to-the-beach time draws near once again, the summer fashion campaign is getting under way in earnest — and it looks as though the navy is winning hands down this time! Fashions which go under the title of the sailor, the matelot or the navy look are to be found in just about every new collection: from smart summer day wear to beach cover-ups, swimwear and bikinis. Close on the heels of all these outfits in popularity are lots of loose, comfortable little smock dresses and the strong return of the backless dress. The obvious connection this summer between styles which are suited to on-the-street and at-home wear and those for the beach have inspired Gattex to bring out a complete line of summer fashions in addition to their internationally established swimwear collection.



Not only flowers for Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Flower shows will no longer have a monopoly on Haifa's cultural activities, the city's cultural director Shmuel Bialik announced last week. Instead, the shows will alternate with art festivals and various other events during Pessah week.

Because of the risk of rains during this year's early Pessah, a week of varied cultural events is planned. The programme lists 35 such events which will be scattered throughout the city, "bringing, perhaps for the first time, cultural fare to eight areas which have never had any before," the culture department's executive Michael Kashtan said. "We want to attract people who have never attended cultural events before." On the programme are 17 exhibitions of arts, craft and hobbies, from the works of well-known artists to those of amateurs attending courses at community centres. The Japanese Museum will open a display of Japanese prints, traditional and new, and the adjoining Goldman Gallery will show works by the American painter Mark Tobey. The first of these exhibitions was opened last night at the Pevsner Cultural Centre under the name of "Art and Hobby," by city councillor Rachel Adiv.

The official opening of the Festival Week will take place tomorrow evening at the City Theatre, when Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon attends a concert of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra and opens a display of paintings and sculptures by North Israel artists in the theatre's lobby. The renowned Flemish dance group Tjil is arriving from Belgium in time to perform on the occasion. After these events the exhibition will turn into an art fair and pictures and sculptures will be on sale to the public.

On Saturday, the Arab-Jewish Community Centre at Beit Hagefen will put on show the works of Arab and Druze artists, and in the predominantly Orthodox quarter of East Hadar the Hermon Community Centre will hold an evening of Cantoral and Pessah songs. The theatrical events include a performance of "The Merchant of Venice" by the Cameri Theatre at Shavit Hall, and the premiere by the English Theatre of "Pygmalion," a comedy by the British writer Richard Huggert.

The musical events are concerts by the Symphony Orchestra, the Pro Musica Orchestra under the baton of Dalia Atlas, and the city Youth Orchestra directed by a newcomer, A. Kaufman, from the U.S. "Admission to all these events will be at reduced prices or altogether free," said Mr. Bialik.

The entire programme will cost the department IL30,000 as part of its cultural activities throughout the year. "The art festival we are offering the public will consist of specimens of the work going on all the time, not anything exceptional or spectacular," Mr. Kashtan said.



Thus, a Gattex summer fashion show held at America House last week was divided into two distinct halves: the first a very comprehensive range of young and cool-looking cotton summer styles: baby-doll-like mini dresses, pants suits, two-piece separates and mini dresses; the second a range of swim and beachwear well up to the company's established standards.

Where the fashion collection was concerned, madras checks and polka dots took pride of place, appearing again and again in many variations, usually trimmed with ritch-ratch braid and with lots of emphasis on broderie anglaise and self-fabric ruffles and frills: a very, very young look, lacking perhaps some of the sophistication of styling and subtle coordination of colours and fabrics for which the Gattex swimwear collections are noted, but none the less fresh, gay and summery. In some cases, I found the "little girl" look overdone: several of the many micro-mini smocks or little dresses with puff sleeves, belts and gathered skirts combined too many details: polka dots in contrasting colours and scales plus frills plus lace plus braid plus pockets and the belts, added up to a very fussy look. Similarly, a three-piece blazer and pants outfit was confused in effect: the blazer in a green and white check cotton with red cherry overprint, topped a white cotton jersey vest with a different size cherry motif, combined with plain red jersey pants. Extremely nice, simple and chic, on the other hand, was a red linen two-piece consisting of a sleeveless waistcoat and well cut mid pleated skirt, also a halter neck maxi in an interesting orange and flame coloured newprint design, its bare back criss-crossed by lacing.

The swimwear collection got off to a dashing start with a march-past of many different variations of the sailor look, all in red, white and blue combinations of course, many with sailor collars, another motif, striped bib insets; in V-neck, one-piece swimsuits, many right.

variations of naval look tankinis, a full length T-shirt dress with cut-away armholes and naval motifs and bikinis topped by smock-printed voile smock cover-ups. In a different mood were brilliant orange capuchon-topped Banlon maxi dresses, soft and fluid and pulling off easily over the head to reveal matching brief bikinis. Positive-negative versions of harricquin checks were to be found in an effective combination of full-length voile shirtwaister and teaming halonca one-piece swimsuits.

Spotted bikini
Polka dots appeared on the classic "Hay ditay teeny weeny polka dot bikini" — this time in sugar pink, teamed with a wrapover maxi skirt in layers of turquoise and pink polka dots, each layer with gypsy-style flounces. For wear on the beach right now, when the weather is still unsettled, Gattex has a nice range of playsuits: long sleeved zip-through jumpsuits, the top half in red and white tartan stretch snugly covering a matching tartan check bikini. Many of the maxi cover-ups to bikinis and swimsuits feature the now fashionable 30s inspired wrap halter top and wrap strap back, others have a straightforward halter neck and are cut high at the front with a deep décolleté at the back, broken by a T-shape formed by the back of the halter collar and a vertical strip of fabric connecting it to the low back — an interesting and effective detail.

Best of all amongst the many prints featured in the collection was one called "Woodcock" — a random design of cloud and star shapes on a contoured background in brilliant tones of red, pink, purple, flame and black — used for a bikini and a very striking, cut-away halter neck maxi dress to match which could be worn as a highly effective summer evening dress in its own right.

Some of the models from the new Gattex Summer '73 collection. Upper left, little girl look, seen here in two polka-dot cotton styles: at left, mini dress has puff sleeves, combines navy and white polka dots with red and white spots; pockets are trimmed in red ritch-ratch. Similar style is seen in a short smock top with cotton pants. The polka dots repeated on trouser bottoms. Lower left, the sailor look takes the form of a puff-sleeved blouse with mini pleated skirt here: the fabric is herringbone patterned cotton tulle, brown and white with a bow in contrasting scarlet. At right, polka-dots again — this time irregular and undulating; classic backless tankini in red and white lycra stretch, while the wrapover blouse is Banlon.

FRIZZED TO A FRAZZLE

CHMOND, Virginia (AP). — Richmond fire authorities say they have discovered a new type fire hazard: the massive Afro hairdo, which resembles a beehive.

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London sending more troops New Ulster bomb wave as Britain takes over

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — Britain formally took over direct rule of Northern Ireland yesterday amid a new outburst of bombs and bullets across the embattled province.

As three members of the House of Lords, representing Queen Elizabeth, gave the royal assent necessary to make the takeover law, gunmen and British troops sprayed automatic fire across the border with the Irish Republic in what an Army spokesman termed a "major" gun battle. More than 3,000 rounds of ammunition were exchanged in the first half hour of the fight.

In one of several bomb explosions in Belfast, a bomb hidden in a parked car exploded in a busy street in Lisburn, 15 kms. from Belfast. Army headquarters for Northern Ireland. The blast injured 11 persons, two seriously, an Army spokesman said.

In Londonderry, a Protestant member of Ulster's Stormont Parliament, suspended for a year by the British takeover, said he was shaken but uninjured after a bomb exploded in his parked car. Ivan Cooper, whose advocacy of the Roman Catholic minority's civil rights cause had brought what he termed "hundreds" of threats from fellow majority Protestants, said a dawn telephone caller tried to lure him outside to his car. He did not go.

Moments before direct rule ending 51 years of Protestant-dominated government in Ulster took effect, Brian Faulkner, Premier in the outgoing government, resigned with his cabinet.

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mission Mr. Whitelaw plans to form representing all shades of political opinion in Ulster.

"Whether we like it or not, the new administration has now become the law of the land," the 51-year-old, white-haired former Premier said.

Wednesday night brought the beginning of a new wave of bombings and attacks by gunmen across the province. Nearly three years of such violence led to Britain's decision, announced Friday, to take direct rule.

Two large bombs planted in stolen vehicles exploded within hours of each other in downtown Belfast. The blasts shattered windows in half a dozen buildings, including City Hall and the Royal Courts of Justice.

A major in an Army bomb disposal squad was only a few feet from the second bomb when it went off. He was killed instantly.

At Rosslea, a mine blew up under a British scout car on routine patrol. Its commander was "seriously" injured, an Army spokesman said.

An anonymous telephone call lured an Army patrol to the Busy Bee Shopping Plaza in a Roman Catholic area of Belfast frequently hit by shooting and bombing. As they arrived, three men and a girl in a parked car opened fire on them with automatic weapons, an Army spokesman said.

"This seems to have been an obvious ambush attempt," the spokesman said. "But fortunately no one was injured."

In London, the British Government announced it is augmenting the 18,500 troops it maintains as a peace-keeping force in Ulster with reinforcements "as a normal precaution" over the long Easter weekend.

U.S. to sell Greece 2 Phantom squadrons

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. is to sell two squadrons of Phantom fighter-bombers to Greece, a State Department official said yesterday.

A U.S. agreement to supply the planes to the military-backed Greek regime was signed late Wednesday, the official disclosed.

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Greece will pay for the aircraft with government funds, and credit will also be allowed on the sale, the official said.

The U.S. announced on March 3 that it would resume military and economic aid to Greece, cut off by Congress as a protest against the military regime in Athens. President Nixon had decided that overriding U.S. security interests required the resumption of aid, a State Department announcement said.

Liberal Democrats in Congress have protested against what they see as recent moves to strengthen military ties with Greece.

The U.S. is in the final stages of negotiating an agreement under which Greece will supply home port facilities to 10,000 members of the U.S. Navy and their families at Piraeus, the port of Athens. Navy officials said that only housing facilities would be set up there and that this would reduce the movement of U.S. warships between the U.S. and the Mediterranean area to provide leave for seamen.

Part of the funds for the Phantoms will presumably come from the proceeds of this agreement, informed sources said.

Makarios 'won't seek re-election'

BEIRUT (Reuter). — President Makarios of Cyprus said in an interview published here yesterday that he does not intend to seek re-election when his present mandate expires next year.

But he indicated that he would resist pressures on him to resign before then.

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Soviet bid expected on Indo-Pakistan talks

NEW DELHI (AP). — The Soviet Union appeared yesterday to be preparing for a major initiative toward peace talks between India and Pakistan.

The Soviet move, according to diplomatic observers, could come next week, when Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh holds talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders including Premier Alexei Kosygin and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Mr. Singh's visit, to last three days, comes within weeks of separate summit talks Mr. Kosygin has held this month with Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Bangla Desh Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In announcing Mr. Singh's visit, an official spokesman sought to minimize its importance, saying it was "part of a periodic exchange of views between two friendly governments," to be expected in view of the countries' 20-year friendship treaty signed last August.

But informed Foreign Ministry sources said Mr. Singh's talks would have a "special reference to the situation on the Indian subcontinent."

Both Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Mr. Bhutto have said they are willing to have peace talks to settle only issues growing out of last December's war but also tensions dating from the partition of the subcontinent in 1947. But there has been no agreement on arrangements for any bilateral conference.

This is where the Soviets could help out, since they are on close terms with India and Pakistan as well as Bangla Desh — something no other major power is.

Before Mr. Bhutto went to Moscow three weeks ago, he said he would use the Soviet Government as a form of "communication channel" for conveying his views to India.

The Indian Government has denied it has received any message from Mr. Bhutto via Moscow or anywhere else, but the ambiguity with which Mr. Singh's visit was arranged has caused speculation that something is in the air.

Another 128 people known to have been in contact with Eijun Hodgas, 24, the Yugoslav migrant worker suffering from smallpox, bringing the total isolated to nearly 450.

As thousands of local citizens queued for vaccinations, army doctors joined civilian colleagues working in shifts at 11 official vaccination centres set up as a precaution against the disease spreading in this important northern city, with more than half a million inhabitants.

Reports from Dacca yesterday said that a scarcity of smallpox vaccine is hampering the fight against the killer epidemic which has already claimed at least 100 lives in Bangladesh. Another 12,000 cases of infection were reported in the districts of Jessore, Khulna, Faridpur and Barisal, a Health Ministry spokesman said. Children are the main victims.

The government hoped to bring the situation under control in about a week, but their plans to combat the disease were being delayed by lack of sufficient vaccine, the spokesman said. Vaccines and medicines were being flown in from India and other friendly countries and the International Red Cross was providing shock help.

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to the situation on the Indian subcontinent.

Both Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Mr. Bhutto have said they are willing to have peace talks to settle only issues growing out of last December's war but also tensions dating from the partition of the subcontinent in 1947. But there has been no agreement on arrangements for any bilateral conference.

This is where the Soviets could help out, since they are on close terms with India and Pakistan as well as Bangla Desh — something no other major power is.

Before Mr. Bhutto went to Moscow three weeks ago, he said he would use the Soviet Government as a form of "communication channel" for conveying his views to India.

The Indian Government has denied it has received any message from Mr. Bhutto via Moscow or anywhere else, but the ambiguity with which Mr. Singh's visit was arranged has caused speculation that something is in the air.

Another 128 people known to have been in contact with Eijun Hodgas, 24, the Yugoslav migrant worker suffering from smallpox, bringing the total isolated to nearly 450.

As thousands of local citizens queued for vaccinations, army doctors joined civilian colleagues working in shifts at 11 official vaccination centres set up as a precaution against the disease spreading in this important northern city, with more than half a million inhabitants.

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16 die in Yugoslavia Syria reports 18 smallpox cases

DAMASCUS. — Eighteen cases of smallpox have been detected in north-eastern Syria, along the Iraqi border, it was reported here. Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon have taken immediate preventive measures.

The Lebanese Health Ministry has ordered a compulsory vaccination drive beginning April 1. Iraq and Syria have apparently begun vaccinations already. The Jordanian health authorities are already demanding that all incoming travellers from countries where smallpox has been reported must carry an international smallpox vaccination certificate.

(The spokesman of the West Bank Military Government, Yehuda Litani, told The Post last night that smallpox certificates had been required for travellers in both directions ever since the Jordan River bridges were opened after the Six Day War.

(There had not been a single case of smallpox in the West Bank in 30 years, the spokesman said.)

In Belgrade federal health authorities announced officially yesterday that 16 persons have died out of

a total of 116 identified cases of smallpox in the current epidemic in Yugoslavia.

The total included 77 cases and ten deaths in the province of Kosovo, where the epidemic started, and 29 cases and five deaths in Belgrade.

Health authorities have mobilized all medical personnel, including secondary school medical students, to go to the epidemic centre in Kosovo. They hope to eradicate the disease completely by the end of April.

In Budapest, the Ministry of Health banned all travel to and from Yugoslavia for Hungarian businessmen and tourists.

Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Austria announced strict medical controls on their borders with Yugoslavia.

Austrian doctors are manning medical stations along the border to vaccinate travellers without certificates. Easter is normally a time when migrant Yugoslav workers travel home across Germany and Austria.

In Hanover, West German Health authorities yesterday quarantined

North Vietnamese trucks moving supplies southward down the 400-km-long Ho Chi Minh Trail.

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Jordan Prince makes a bang at airport

LONDON (AP). — Prince Mohammed, brother of King Hussein of Jordan, created a stir at London Airport Wednesday and was barred from boarding a plane to Bermuda when he and his five-man bodyguard were discovered to be carrying several weapons, including three sub-machine guns.

When he was refused access to the British Overseas Airways Corp. plane, the Prince stalked out of the airport and said he would protest to Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

The weapons were discovered when the Prince's luggage was given a routine check before being put aboard the plane. An airport official said: "I have never seen such an armoury. Guns and clips of ammunition were being produced from all over the place."

All the guns were finally handed over to authorities except those carried by the Prince. He refused to give his up and it was then that the entire party was barred from boarding the plane.

Unknown toll in Rio gas blasts

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuter). — Three liquefied gas storage tanks exploded and burst into flames near Rio early yesterday, killing at least four people and injuring 72. Hospital spokesmen said most of the injured were critically ill and are not expected to live.

The first blast brought hundreds of half-clad people streaming from their homes in the nearby Rio suburb of Campos Elistas onto the Rio-Petropolis highway, already jammed by streams of cars making for the cooler hills at the start of the long Easter weekend.

A second pre-dawn blast 40 minutes later and then a third spread panic among the already half-hysterical crowd, eyewitnesses said. As the traffic jam built up, people more than a mile from the fire abandoned their cars and fled on foot along the road which runs past the refinery, they added.

One Sao Paulo engineer driving into Rio said the first saw a huge tongue of flame rise between the hills. "Then the whole sky lit up as if the sun was already rising," he added.

Petrobras, the state oil enterprise which runs the refinery, said the fire was put out later and the refinery was back in operation.

14 crewmen missing SAM downs U.S. plane spying over Laos

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Bonn, Beirut resume ties

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Lebanon yesterday became the fifth Arab country to resume diplomatic relations with West Germany and at the same time began probing the possibility of granting recognition to East Germany.

The resumption of relations with West Germany, announced simultaneously here and in Bonn, said both countries had agreed to resume diplomatic relations from yesterday and to exchange ambassadors at the earliest possible date.

The relations had been broken off by Lebanon and nine other Arab states in May, 1965, when Bonn decided to exchange ambassadors with Israel.

Four Arab states have already resumed relations with West Germany. They are Jordan, Yemen Arab Republic, Sudan and Algeria.

West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel hinted in Bonn recently that Egypt may be the next country with whom the resumption of relations will be discussed.

The other Arab countries which have not yet decided to resume the relations are Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, in addition to Egypt.

Mintoff leaves for China visit

VALLETTA, (Reuter). — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff left here yesterday for a visit to China, possibly to seek Chinese aid.

Mr. Mintoff, fresh from negotiating a £15m. defence agreement with Britain and Nato, heads a four-man delegation, including Public Works Minister Lorry Sant.

The Prime Minister's itinerary and the duration of the visit have not been announced. But the inclusion of the Public Works Minister in the delegation caused speculation that the Chinese may be invited to help Malta in some major engineering project.

Mr. Mintoff told reporters when he stopped in Rome yesterday: "I am going to China at the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic, with which we established diplomatic relations a few weeks ago."

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Search for Fiat official continues

Buenos Aires — A search for the missing Fiat official continues in Buenos Aires.

The massive operation was launched following the missing by police of these men they said were members of the "People's Revolutionary Army" (P.R.A.) which adopted the Italian national flag.

In the heavily wooded area of selected zones police said they found a cache of about 500 kg of dynamite in one of "many" houses scattered in suburban Buenos Aires.

The guerrillas' latest communiqué said the execution of Mr. Salustro would be carried out "at an appropriate time."

"This clearly implied that Mr. Salustro was still alive. It also implied, most observers here felt, that Fiat might still be able to secure his freedom in secret negotiations."

Argentine Government pressure has